

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A computing device implemented method of selecting software components for installation on a client computing device, the method comprising:

receiving from the client computing device, a request for the upgrade of a first software component capable of being processed by the client computing device;

receiving configuration information regarding a software configuration of the client computing device including information regarding at least one additional software component that is necessary for the execution of the first ~~one~~ software component and that the at least one additional software component has been determined to be missing from the client computing device;

identifying ~~a second one or more~~ software components for installation on the client computing device based at least in part upon the request and the configuration information, the second ~~one or more~~ software components including but not limited to the upgrade for the first component and the at least one necessary additional software component determined to be missing from the client computing device; and

transmitting the second ~~one or more~~ software components to the client computing device.

2. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 1, additionally comprising the act of receiving a configuration file that is associated with the request for the upgrade, the configuration file identifying at least said first ~~one or more~~ software components.

3. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 2, ~~additionally comprising wherein~~ the configuration file has ~~associating an~~ associated expiration time ~~with the configuration file~~.

4. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 3, additionally comprising :  
determining whether the expiration time indicates that the configuration file has expired; and

stopping said identifying upon the determination that the configuration file has expired.

5. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 2, additionally comprising reading only an identifier in the configuration file; and sending at least a portion of ~~the contents~~ of the configuration file to a component server.

6. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 2, additionally comprising: sending at least ~~some of the contents~~ a portion of the configuration file to a component server, the component server performing said identifying.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 2, additionally comprising reading an identifier in the configuration file; and sending at least a portion of the configuration file to a component server.

8. (Original) The method of Claim 2, additionally comprising storing the configuration file on a configuration server.

9. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the software configuration includes ~~the existence of~~ one or more computer-readable modules on the client computing device.

10. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the software configuration includes a language that is associated with one or more computer-readable modules ~~that reside on~~ the client computing device.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the software configuration includes a type of operating system that is executing on the client computing device.

12. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 1, additionally comprising: identifying one or more programs upon receiving the request, the one or more programs being associated with ~~at least one of said first one or more~~ software components.

13. (Currently amended) A computer system having a configuration subject to change over time, the computer system comprising:

a first computer having one or more system resources;

a second computer operably connected to the first computer, the second computer associated with one or more installable components and equipped to receive a request for an upgrade of one or more components from the first computer;

a configuration file that is readable by the first computer, the configuration file identifying at least one component to be upgraded;

an upgrade manager executing on the first computer, the upgrade manager configured to transmit information about the system resources of the first computer to the second computer, the information including indication of components of an operating system that is executing in the first computer; and

an upgrade handler executing on the second computer, the upgrade handler configured to identify ~~the location of one or more~~ installable components based upon the at least one component to be upgraded and the system resources of the first computer including but not limited to the at least one component to be upgraded and the indication of some components of ~~the~~ an operating system that is executing in the first computer.

14. (Original) The computer system of Claim 13, wherein the configuration file is formatted for access by the upgrade handler.

15. (Original) The computer system of Claim 13, wherein the configuration file has an associated expiration time.

16. (Original) The computer system of Claim 13, wherein the upgrade manager retrieves the configuration file without parsing contents of the configuration file and wherein the upgrade manager transmits the configuration file to the upgrade handler.

17. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 13, wherein the upgrade manager parses the content of the configuration file and transmits the content to the upgrade handler.

18. (Original) The computer system of Claim 13, additionally comprising a network, the first computer being in operable communication with the second computer via the network.

19. (Currently amended) A computer system for installing~~updating~~ one or more components on a client computing device, the system including:

a client computing device operably connected with a network, the client computing device configured to identifying the one or more components to be updated and one or more client conditions including operating system components that are executing on the client computing device;

a configuration file identifying at least one of the operating system components, the configuration file being provided to the client computing device by a configuration computer via the network;

the configuration computer which is separate and distinct from the client computer device; and

a component server coupled to the network, and configured to~~for receiving the client conditions and the configuration file from the client computing device, the component server and to responsively identifying the location of one or more components to be installed on the client computing device, the identifying being based upon the components to be updated and identified by the configuration file and the client conditions including the type of identified operating system components that are executing on the client computing device, and the identified components including but not limited to the components to be updated and identified in the configuration file.~~

20. (Currently amended) A computer system for selecting components for installation on a client computing device, the system comprising:

means for receiving from a client computing device via a network, a request for the ~~to~~ upgrade of one or more components ~~from a~~ of the client computing device ~~via a network~~;

means for determining one or more system conditions regarding the client computing device, the system conditions including a type of operating system that is executing on the client computing device;

means for identifying ~~one or more components~~ to be installed on the client computing device before upgrading the one or more components of the client computing device, the identifying being based upon the request and the system conditions including the type of operating system that is executing on the client computing device, and the identified components including but not limited to the component(s) to be upgraded and one or more components of the operating system;

and

transmitting the identified components to the client computing device via the network;

21. (Currently amended) The system of Claim 20, additionally comprising means for receiving a configuration file that is associated with the request for the upgrade, the configuration file identifying the one or more components to be upgraded.

22. (Original) The system of Claim 21, additionally including means for associating an expiration time with the configuration file.

23. (Original) The system of Claim 22, additionally comprising:  
means for determining whether the expiration time indicates that the configuration file has expired; and

means for stopping the means for identification upon a determination that the configuration file has expired.

24. (Original) The method of Claim 21, additionally comprising means for sending the configuration file to a component server, the component server including the means for identifying.

25. (Currently amended) The system of Claim 21, additionally comprising means for sending at least ~~some of the contents of a~~ portion of the configuration file to a component server, the component server including the means for identifying.

26. (Original) The system of Claim 21, additionally comprising means for storing the configuration file on a configuration server.

27. (Currently amended) The system of Claim 20, wherein the system conditions include ~~the existence of one or more computer readable modules on the~~ client computing device.

28. (Currently amended) The system of Claim 20, wherein the system conditions include a language that is associated with one or more computer-readable modules that reside on the client computing device.

29. (Currently amended) The system of Claim 20, wherein the system conditions include the type of operating system that is executing on the client computing device.

30. (Currently amended) The system of Claim 20, additionally comprising means for identifying one or more program files upon receiving the request, the one or more program files being associated with at least one of said one or more components to be upgraded.

31. Cancelled

32. (Currently amended) A computer implemented method of selecting components for installation on a computer, the method comprising ~~the acts of:~~

receiving via a network, a request ~~for the~~ to upgrade of first one or more components ~~from a of the computer on a network;~~

identifying ~~second one or more~~ components for installation on the computer based upon the request and ~~the system conditions of the computer,~~ the second components including but not limited to the component(s) to be upgraded and at least one component of an operating system executing on the computer, and the system

conditions including a characteristic of ~~the~~an operating system that is executing on the computer and;

transmitting the identified second components to the computer via the network.

33. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 32, additionally comprising receiving a configuration file that is associated with the request for the upgrade, the configuration file identifying said first one or more components.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 32, additionally comprising associating an expiration time with the configuration file.

35. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 34, additionally comprising :  
determining whether the expiration time indicates that the configuration file has expired; and  
stopping the identification step upon the determination that the configuration has expired.

36. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 33, additionally comprising sending the configuration file to a component server, the component server performing the identifying ~~step~~.

37. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 33, additionally comprising sending at least ~~some of the contents~~ a portion of the configuration file to a component server, the component server performing the identifying step.

38. (Cancelled)

39. (Currently amended) A computer system for selecting components for installation, the computer system comprising:

a server computer having a processor, a computer-readable storage medium and data communication subsystem; and

an upgrade handler residing in the computer-readable storage medium and executing on the server computer, the upgrade handler configured to identify the

~~location of one or more components upon receiving via the data communication subsystem one or more system conditions of a client computing device and a request to upgrade one or more components of the client computing device,~~ the system conditions including indications about an operating system that is executing on the client computing device, ~~the identified components being compatible~~ including but not limited to the component(s) to be upgraded and one or more components of with the an operating system that is executing on the client computing device, and the server computer ~~transmitting the location of the identified components to the client computing device~~ identifying the components based at least in part on the received one or more system conditions and the request to upgrade.

40. Cancelled.

41. (Currently amended) A computer implemented method of selecting components for installation on a client computer, the method comprising:

determining one or more system ~~client~~ conditions regarding the client computer, the system ~~client~~ conditions including one or more operating system components that are executing on the client computer;

transmitting a request ~~for the to~~ upgrade ~~of~~ one or more components of the client computer to a server computer via a network, the request ~~to for~~ upgrade including the determined system ~~client~~ conditions of the client computer; and

receiving the requested upgrades and additional components, the additional components ~~being compatible~~ including but not limited to the component(s) to be upgraded and one or more components of with an the operating system that is executing on the client computer; and installing ~~the received one or more~~ components on the client computer.

42. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 41, additionally comprising:

receiving a configuration file ~~in response to the request for the upgrade,~~ the ~~configuration file being related to at least the one or more of the components of the~~ client computer to be upgraded.



43. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 42, further comprising associating an expiration time with the configuration file.

44. (Currently amended) The method of Claim ~~43~~2, further comprising:  
determining whether the expiration time indicates that the configuration file has expired;  
and  
~~stopping the identification step upon the determination that the configuration has expired.~~

45. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 42, additionally comprising:  
sending the configuration file to a component server to identify one or more of the components.

46. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 42, additionally comprising: sending  
~~at least some of the contents~~ a portion of the configuration file to a component server to  
identify one or more of the components.

47. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 19, wherein the client conditions include a user identification number that is associated with the user.

48. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 19, wherein the client conditions include a preferred language.

49. -50. Cancelled

51. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 38, wherein the client conditions includes a user identification number that is associated with the user.

52. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 38, wherein the client conditions include a preferred language.

53. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 39, wherein the client conditions include a user identification number that is associated with the user.

54. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 39, wherein the client conditions include a preferred language.

55. – 60. Cancelled.

61. (Currently amended) A client computing device comprising:  
a processor, a computer-readable storage medium and data communication subsystem; and  
an upgrade manager stored on the computer-readable storage medium and operable to  
retrieve via the data communication subsystem a configuration file identifying one or more software components for which an upgrade is available for download,  
store the configuration file in the computer-readable storage medium,  
identify one or more client conditions that are associated with the client computing device, the client conditions including features of an operating system that is executing on the client computing device,  
generate an upgrade request that includes at least a portion of the contents of the configuration file and the client conditions including at the type of the operating system that is executing on the client computing device,  
transmit the upgrade request to one or more of a plurality of server computers and  
in response, receive ~~one or more~~ a plurality of components ~~that have been selected by the client computing device including but not limited to~~ component(s) identified in the configuration file as having upgrade available and at least one component ~~in addition to those selected of the operating system, the received components being provided to the client device based~~

upon the included portion~~contents~~ of the configuration file and at~~the~~ type of the operating system that is executing on the client computing device.

62. (Previously Presented) The client computing device of claim 61, wherein the one or more of a plurality of server computers are identified by the configuration file.

63. (Currently Amended) The client computing device of claim 61, wherein the configuration file identifies one or more streaming media associated components for which an upgrade is available for download.

64. (Cancelled)